



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

Hiroshi TANAKA, et al.

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**For:** IMAGE INFORMATION OBTAINING METHOD, IMAGE INFORMATION TRANSMITTING APPARATUS AND IMAGE INFORMATION TRANSMITTING SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, and prior to evaluation, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Independent claims 1, 8, 17, 24, 29, 36, and 45 are amended for clarity.

**Remarks** begin on page 19 of this paper.